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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Yoshito KURODA et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING HIGH PURITY Exam

GLYCOLIC ACID CRYSTALS

Examiner: K. J. Puttlitz

## PETITION TO EXPUNGE INFORMATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.59(b) to expunge information submitted under MPEP § 724.02(III) in the above-identified application.

As explained below, this petition is being filed to remove a document which was improperly entered, and as such, it is Applicants' belief that there should be no fee for this service, however, if a fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$200.00, the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(g) for a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.59(b).

This petition is being filed to expunge a PTO/SB/08 form which was filed by a third party with the incorrect heading. The Examiner initialed, signed and entered this incorrect PTO/SB/08 form.

The incorrect PTO/SB/08 form is a TWO (2) page document which was entered into PAIR as a part of the Notice of Allowance materials which were dated June 19, 2006. It is unclear from the PTO's date stamp whether the incorrect PTO/SB/08 form was received by the

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PTO on April 17, 2006 or April 27, 2006. The incorrect PTO/SB/08 form has the following header:



It is clear from this header that the only information relating to the instant application is the Serial Number. The filing date, name of first inventor, art unit, Examiner name and Attorney Docket Number are all wrone.

Applicants respectfully request that the incorrect TWO (2) page PTO/SB/08 form be expunged from the official record.

Applicants respectfully warn the PTO that the June 19, 2006 entry in PAIR having the description "List of References cited by applicant and considered by examiner" totals THREE pages, since it contains two PTO/SB/08 forms, one that is incorrect (TWO pages) and one that is correct (ONE page). PLEASE do NOT expunge the ONE (1) page PTO/SB/08 form that was correctly filed by Applicants and has a date stamp of March 23, 2006.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D., Esq. (Reg. No. 43,575) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: September 8, 2006 Respectfully submitted,

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